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CHANGES IN UASL NORMS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce sweeping changes in the Unified Access Service Licence (UASL) norms, including the equity limit where-under a Telecom Operator cannot pick up more than 10% stake in a competing company in the same circle;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for bringing such changes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) In order to ensure that the policies keep pace with the changes/developments in the Telecommunication sector, Government has sought recommendation of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on the issue of number of Access Service providers in each service area and review of certain terms and conditions in the Access provider licences including the condition of substantial equity holding by a company/legal person in more than one licensee company in the same service area.